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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Space in the New Building for the Clandestine Services.

1. You may recall that when available space in the new building was first apportioned in 1957, it was hoped that there would be room for the Clandestine Services, with the exception of the Technical Services Staff. There were a number of unknown factors then, and it was generally agreed that the plans would have to be reviewed later on.

2. With the Development Projects Division now an integral part of the Clandestine Services, I requested that this review be undertaken. We based it on the present actual strength of the Clandestine Services which, on 30 April 1959, not counting TSS, was [redacted]

3. The Building Planning Staff, in turn, advised that the [redacted] available to the Clandestine Services in the current plans can house no more than [redacted]. By operating a [redacted] night shift in the Records Integration Division in addition, we leave a balance of [redacted] without room in the new building; their space needs are on the order of [redacted]

4. As I stated in my letter to you of 1 May 1959, on the subject "Program for Greater Efficiency in CIA," I am attempting to reduce the total strength of the CS at headquarters. You are also aware of the complexities in making these cuts, not merely in the T/O but in actual strength. Nothing like this space deficiency can conceivably be covered by the separation of personnel.

5. I fully realize how difficult it will be to reopen the discussion on the share of space to be given the three major components in the new building. I feel that I have no alternative but to request you to do this. In view of the operational mission of this Agency, I believe you will agree with me that it would be intensely harmful, costly, and otherwise contrary to interest to leave outside the building an area division or any part of it, or CS staff elements other than TSS. There may be units outside the CS, now expected to be placed in the building, the operation of which would be less unhappily affected by distance between them and other headquarters components.

6. I make this request for a review at this time because the Building Planning Staff has forcefully drawn our attention to the high and fast growing costs of major alterations in building plans.

cc: DDCI

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*Orig. to Fmc. via J. - 4 June 1959*